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## Nation mourns and buries its dead

### Inquiry panel begins its task

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

At first light, the commission of inquiry into the helicopter collision began sifting through the wreckage of the two CH-53 helicopters, trying to determine what caused them to crash and what needs to be done to prevent further accidents.

Led by David Ivry, a former OC Air Force and Defense Ministry director-general, the commission queried witnesses yesterday and grilled IAF inspectors on the events.

The CH-53 has no black box and there were no survivors, which makes it that much more difficult to conclude what went wrong. Preliminary investigations did not find any signs of a technical malfunction, and witnesses said that there was not stormy weather when the accident occurred, raising speculation that the collision was the result of human error.

Two-thirds of all CH-53 crashes have been determined to be the result of human error.

Military sources said the two helicopters had actually delayed their departure to Lebanon by 24 hours because of bad weather. The two helicopters were flying near the border and about to split, one to the IDF position of Binat Jetal and the other to the position at Beaufort.

According to military regulations, pilots of CH-53 helicopters flying in formation are obligated to maintain eye contact and the minimum distance between helicopters must never be more than 2.5 rotor diameters. Apparently there was fog and the first helicopter shut its lights off - according to procedure - since this may cause vertigo in the following helicopter pilot. It was then that the second helicopter apparently hit the first and immediately crashed, military sources said.

The pilot of the stricken lead helicopter tried to perform an emergency landing, but he too crashed about 150 meters away.

The commission of inquiry collected helicopter parts to examine.

The commission is expected to file its interim results by the end of next week.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said the commission has the authority to make rulings which the Defense Ministry and IDF are obligated to adopt and implement.



Comrades of Lt. Kobi Ben-Shem mourn for him at his funeral yesterday in Ramat Hasharon. (Gideon Markowicz)

### Nation mourns biggest loss since 1973

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, DAVID RUDGE, LIAT COLLINS and HAIM SHAPIRO

The nation turned inward yesterday, uniting behind the tragic deaths of 73 of its young soldiers in a horrific collision of two Lebanon-bound helicopters. Flags were lowered to half-mast, as the country began burying its dead.

"This is the worst national tragedy that has happened to the IDF," said the weary Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, after returning from the crash site.

Throughout the country, families, friends and comrades carried coffin after flag-draped coffin to their graves. Reflecting the mosaic make-up of the state, the 73 who died were from development towns in the North to Eilat in the South. They were from the big cities of Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and Beersheva, and from kibbutzim and settlements in Judea and Samaria. They were Jews, Druze and Moslems and Beduin.

It was the highest number of IDF casualties in one day since the Yom Kippur War.

"I am sure that all of the state of Israel is in pain and suffering from this great loss," said the visibly shaken Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

More funerals are to be held today and the IDF is making great efforts to identify the remains of the few who were still not identified by last night, said Brig.-Gen. Onn Ragonis, deputy OC Manpower.

Mordechai arrived at a news conference in Tel Aviv last night after attending two funerals and visiting the family of a third victim. He reiterated that the IDF would maintain its presence in the security zone and expressed regret over the public debate over a withdrawal.

"I advise that we don't make mistakes and draw wrong conclusions in pain," Mordechai said.

The crash came after a debate over the human cost of remaining in the security zone, and calls for a unilateral withdrawal. Hizbullah has traditionally hit at the IDF at its soft underbelly, mainly its supply convoys. The use of the helicopters was the IDF's attempt to bypass this threat. IAF officers said the practice would continue despite the accident, which killed more soldiers than Hizbullah had in three years.

OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer was more blunt.

"The soldiers in Lebanon have a mission. If there is a debate on Lebanon it should not be done on the backs of the soldiers. They are not asking for withdrawal, but they are the first to be harmed by such talk," he told Channel 2.

Last night, Mordechai spoke with US Secretary of Defense William Cohen, who expressed condolences to the IDF in the name of the American government and US defense establishment.

Cohen also offered to extend Israeli help in dealing with the matter, Mordechai's office said.

Similar condolence messages were received from Britain, Germany and other countries.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made it clear yesterday, during a visit to the crash site at She'ar Yashuv, that the disaster would not change Israel's policies.

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## Tears for 73 families

By HERB KEIMON

With flags at half-mast, places of entertainment closed and tears in tens of thousands of eyes, a stunned nation tried yesterday to digest the helicopter disaster that - in one instant - took 73 lives.

Seventy-three families, their last names representing all the nation's various ethnic groups, were bereaved - more families, indeed, than populate Moshav She'ar Yashuv, where one of the helicopters crashed.

Seventy-three soldiers and airmen - about one-tenth of the number of soldiers killed in the Six Day War. Seventy-three open graves. Seventy-three sets of parents besides themselves in pain. The mind boggles.

"Sgt. Avishai Gidron, 19, from Kiryat Motzkin," read the deep-voiced radio announcer early yesterday morning, beginning the heart-rendering recitation - that continued mercilessly throughout the day - of the seemingly endless list of casualties.

"Sgt. Idan Minker, 20, from Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak," the news-caster continued. "Sgt. Aviv Gonen, 20, from Petah Tikvah,



St.-Sgt. Nadav Lischinski, 20, from Sde Avraham. St.-Sgt. Asaf Siboni, 20, from Kibbutz Nir An..."

The list was read, in jacksnapper-like rhythm, over and over and over. And, jacksnapper-like, the effect was penetrating.

On one occasion the list was followed by the Miki Gabriellov song, "Let us live."

"God in heaven," the raspy-voiced Gabriellov said, "Look us in the face and tell us why people look for, but don't find, miracles. Let us live, let us live. Let us sleep in peace without worrying."

Some surely found their grief expressed in the sad, melancholy songs - like Gabriellov's - that filled the airwaves and reflected

and say unto him: Keep calm and be quiet; fear not, neither let thy heart be faint, because of these two tails of smoking firebrands..."

Others may have found solace in the words of MK Ehud Barak (Labor), recited from the Knesset's rostrum.

"The shocking images that visited every home from the television screen hit you right in the stomach," Barak said, sounding more like a poet than a former chief of staff. "The shocking images of ammunition exploding from broken pieces of the helicopter... the bodies, not breathing, laid out in front of us, in long, long rows.

"All of this we will painfully carry with us until our final days," Barak said, his voice cracking. "A sea of tears flooded the state of Israel last night, among them my own tears. This is a moment of agonizing pain. And also a test, a supreme test of our staying power. ... We are struggling over our very right to live here in peace and security. That struggle will be decided by our steadfastness, by our staying power, by the power to continue not only in moments of success, but also in difficult moments like these ... *Yitkadash, shmech rabah.*"

## Swiss banks establish Holocaust fund

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - In the first significant move for compensation for survivors, Switzerland's three largest banks deposited 100 million Swiss francs in an escrow account as the basis for a "humanitarian" Holocaust fund, the banks announced yesterday.

The banks - Credit Suisse, Swiss Bank Corporation and Union Bank of Switzerland - invited additional contributions from other parties, in a blatant bid for the Swiss Government and the Swiss National Bank to add to the fund.

"I think it is a good step in the right direction and it is definitely going to cool off the whole controversy," said Kalman Sultank, a

vice president of the World Jewish Congress.

"The banks trust that this initiative will clear the way for the Swiss government, Switzerland's business and financial community, and Jewish organizations to work together toward finding a just and equitable solution to the issues involved," the banks said in a joint statement.

The fund, called "The Humanitarian Fund for the Victims of the Holocaust," was "separate from and unaffected by" the investigative efforts by the Volcker Committee to identify unclaimed bank accounts belonging to Nazi victims, the statement said.

The next move is up to the Swiss government, as the banks left the task of determining a plan for allocations to Bern. The escrow account is at the Swiss National Bank "for the time being, until the Swiss government determines how the fund will be structured," the banks' statement said.

Two weeks ago, Rainer Got, president of Credit Suisse, publicly stepped up the pressure on the Swiss government to set up a fund to help victims of the Holocaust. At that time, he did not offer many details about the fund, except to say it should include contributions from the Swiss government, banks and insurance companies, should be more than

571 million, and should benefit all victims of the Holocaust.

The Swiss Bankers Association also hailed the fund, calling it "an appropriate and major first step forward in resolving this important and complex issue in a dignified, meaningful and equitable manner."

In a statement issued yesterday, the SBA affirmed its commitment

to the forensic audit being overseen by the Volcker Committee.

"Our primary objective is to assure that all remaining dormant accounts in Switzerland will either be matched with their rightful owner or donated to charity," the association's statement said. "We are proceeding toward this goal as sensitively and promptly as possible."

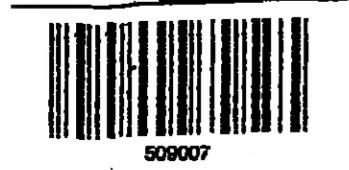
### How Much Is Your Stamp Collection Worth?

David Boyd, Director of the Philatelic Department of Phillips, the International Fine Art and Antique Auctioneers, will be visiting Israel during the week commencing February 10. He will be available to advise, regarding the valuation and sale at auction of stamp collections, old envelopes, postcards, cigarette cards and old "busted" bonds and share certificates.

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## Tragedy hits all sectors as country unites in sorrow

### Beduin village grieves for cousins

Two Beduin trackers from Beit Zarzir, in the Jezreel Valley, were being brought to the security zone to return to duty when the crash occurred.

Hassin Rahal, 28, and Kamel Rahal, 27, who rode in the same helicopter, were cousins.

Lt.-Col. Hassan Rahal said Hassin was not meant to return to Lebanon on Tuesday.

However, another tracker, a relative whose father had a heart attack and had to go to the hospital, asked Hassin to replace him.

Hassin and Kamel traveled together by car to the helicopter landing pad.

"We have suffered many losses in the past two years, but will continue on, and believe in fate," said Hib.

Beit Zarzir has lost 35 soldiers in wars.

Hassin is survived by his wife, and four children, aged 4, 3, 2, and two months.

Kamel is survived by his wife and two children, aged 3 and 18 months. (Tim)



#### For an immigrant family, the ultimate sacrifice

The parents of Cpl. Gideon Mnlato show a picture of their son, who was killed in Tuesday's crash, to Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein (right). Gideon was born in Ethiopia and made aliya in 1992 with his parents, brother and sister. The family was given a small apartment in Lod and Gideon went off to study at the Orti Hanegev boarding school in the south. Later, he attended the Negev College. On completion of his studies, Gideon volunteered for the crack Palsar (Pugat Sityr) Nahal reconnaissance unit. He was one of six new immigrants who lost their lives in the crash. (See Batsheva Tur photo Yitzhak Olfander/Scope 80)

### Jerusalem's Rene Cassin school mourns two more fallen soldiers

Tragedy struck Jerusalem's Rene Cassin High School again Tuesday when the She'ar Yashuv helicopter accident claimed the lives of Itamar Shai and Omer Shalit, raising the number of graduates of the school who have died in the line of duty to 24.

Pupils at the school were to have held a memorial for their fallen yesterday, with scholarships to be awarded in the name of Maya Kopstein, killed in the Beit Lid bombing. However, school officials called it off after the helicopter tragedy.

"Instead, we decided to have an open school today, and allow pupils to express their feelings," Violet Gez, the school principal, said.

The fact that the school had experienced so much loss among its graduates did not make yesterday's situation any easier, she said. "The experience does not make us stronger, the pain is only more intense," she said.

When news of the two soldiers' deaths was announced, other graduates from different classes came to the school to be with their teachers and fellow pupils.

Shai graduated in 1994, and wanted to be a teacher, Gez said. Shalit graduated in 1995, and had wanted to serve in Army Radio. Two of his sisters study at the school. (Tim)

### Kfar Sava's Gili high school remembers three former students

Old yearbooks were passed around at Kfar Sava's Gili high school yesterday, as students remembered three graduates who were killed in the tragic helicopter accident the night before. However, teachers said they did not need the yearbooks to prod their memories, as the three former students - Lt. Nir

Shribman, 20, of Kfar Sava, St.-Sgt. Shahar Kasus, 20, of Alfei Menashe, and Capt. Saguy Berkovitch, 21, of Alfei Menashe - all had kept in touch with them after graduating and beginning their army service.

As students and teachers proceeded to Kasus's and Berkovitch's funerals, class coor-

director Carinela Villansky said she remembered Kasus as an introverted pupil, noting that his mother died when he was in ninth grade. Berkovitch was a well-mannered gentleman, she said, recalling the school's pride when he completed an officer's course. Shribman is to be buried today. (Tim)

### A brilliant career cut short

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Nim

Capt. Vitaly Radinsky was in the final stages of completing his specialization as a chest surgeon when he was called to do reserve duty in Lebanon.

His colleagues at Rambam Hospital in Haifa said yesterday that he had had a premonition something was going to happen. "When I said: 'See you after Lebanon,' he replied: 'Maybe yes, maybe no,'" one of the doctors said. "Here at the hospital, he had often seen what happened to soldiers in Lebanon." Born in the former Soviet Union in 1969, Radinsky made aliya with his family in 1990 and settled in Or Akiva. Shortly after arrival, his son was born.

Everything appeared to be going smoothly for the new immigrants. Radinsky participated in the first course for immigrant doctors and completed it with distinction. Immediately after that, he began working at Rambam and in 1993 decided to specialize in chest surgery.

"He was brilliant and we predicted a great future for him in the department," department head Dr. Anton Best said yesterday.

Doctors and nurses alike said Radinsky was quiet and hard-working and had become popular with his colleagues. On learning of his death, the hospital staff lowered the flag outside to half-mast.

### 'My country is important to me'

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

I can still see Lt. Alon Babayan's bright green eyes looking over his Golan platoon in south Lebanon like a mother hen.

His cheeks were puffed out from his taut chin strap and he was grinning at his men, reminding them of the dangers of this war zone and to keep their helmets on, look alert. He was telling them that the IDF had supplied them with the best equipment to protect them.

"Just because the army is protecting us doesn't mean we are scared or frightened. It's simply a war," the 21-year-old lieutenant told me during a visit with his unit in Lebanon at the Beaufort castle just two months ago.

"Every mother of these guys is expecting me to return their son healthy and in one piece. The responsibility is as heavy. Just thinking about it is hard," he said to me. "But my country is important to me and it's the duty of every soldier to do the best he can."

"We want to kill terrorists. That's our job and that's why we are here. We came here to kill," Babayan said then. Instead, he was one of the 73 killed in the helicopter crash. Yesterday, Babayan, the oldest of four children, the big brother, was buried at Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl military cemetery.

ISRAEL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY  
Nitzana Border Crossing Post

Because of a Moslem religious holiday, the Nitzana Border Crossing Post will be closed for three days,

from Sunday, February 9 to Tuesday, February 11.

The crossing post will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

### THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL mourns the death of 73 Fighting Men of the Israel Defense Forces

who lost their lives in the helicopter crash over She'ar Yashuv, on their way to active duty in South Lebanon.

The Government shares the grief of the bereaved families, and the sorrow of the commanders and comrades of the fallen, and of the entire IDF, and offers condolences to the grieving families.

### THE KNESSET The Knesset Speaker Deputy Speakers Knesset Members and the Knesset Staff

are deeply grieved by the death of seventy-three of the country's finest sons, defenders of Israel's security, and offer sympathy to the families.

### BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY together with the entire State of Israel, deeply mourns the tragic loss of the country's dedicated servicemen and expresses deep sympathy to their families.

Festive events scheduled for today are canceled:

President's Forum for Israeli business leaders with the Minister of Industry and Trade  
Symposium for ambassadors on the Israeli economy with the Bank of Israel Governor

### LIBI - the Fund for Strengthening Israel's Defense

With bowed head, we offer deepest condolences to the families of the soldiers killed in the helicopter accident. Our hearts are with the soldiers and commanders of the IDF.

Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt  
Chairman of the Libi Fund

### KEREN HAYESOD - UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL

The leaders, volunteers, contributors and employees of Keren Hayesod in Israel and throughout the world deeply mourn the tragic death of 73 IDF men in the helicopter disaster, and express heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

We mourn, together with the House of Israel, the death of 73 brave soldiers killed in Tuesday's tragic air collision. We extend our condolences to the bereaved families, and our sympathy to the IDF in its difficult hour.

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### To the Bereaved Families

in the great loss of their precious ones, and to Israel in the loss of its brave soldiers, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and compassion in this time of private and national mourning.

Christian Friends of Israel, Jerusalem

The Jewish Agency The World Zionist Organization

Rain is falling. It falls on the faces of my friends, my friends in the land of the living. They cover their heads in a blanket. It falls on the faces of my friends who are dead, who can cover themselves no more.

Yehuda Amichai  
May their memory be a blessing.

Avraham Burg Charles (Corky) Goodman  
Chairman, Zionist Executive Chairman, Board of Trustees  
and the Management of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization

With great sorrow we announce the passing of  
**ELSIE TANAMAN** ז"ל  
Beloved mother of Baruch Tanamen  
The funeral will take place today, Thurs., Feb. 6, at 1 p.m.,  
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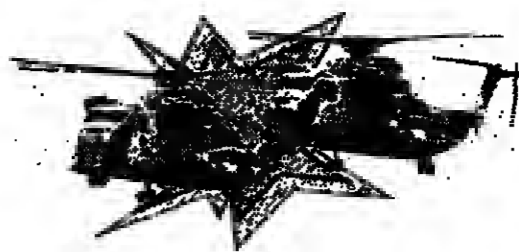
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**ARNON KIRSCH**  
The Family: Shirley Kirsch, Jonathan, Michael and Rina, Susan and Ellezer, Ella Jacobson, Ruth Berman, Heidi and Shavi  
Please call 03-5441193, for details of the funeral.

In deep sadness we announce the death of our beloved  
**SHIMEON AMIR (ENREICH)** ז"ל  
The funeral will take place today, Thursday, February 6, 1997, at 2 p.m., leaving from the Sanhedria Funeral Home for Har Hamenuhot.  
The family



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The Jerusalem Post, Thursday, February 6, 1997

# THE NATION MOURNS

# The fallen


As of 2 a.m. the IDF Spokesman had published the names of 70 victims of Tuesday's helicopter collision.

Photos courtesy of Ma'ariv and the IDF Spokesman

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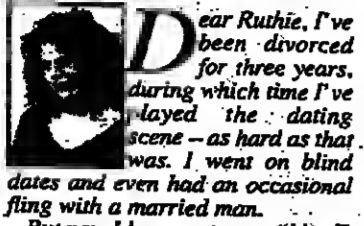




DEAR RUTHIE

Blind dating for real

By RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I've been divorced for three years... during which time I've played the dating scene - as hard as that was. I went on blind dates and even had an occasional fling with a married man.

cation of a complex emotional confusion. Apparently, the experience of being appreciated for your personality is new to you - or so you think. The irony is that our looks are just as shaped by our personality as our personality is shaped by our looks.

Dear Ruthie, My wife passed away four years ago. I was devastated and for a long while very depressed. My son and his wife were always there for me.

Dear Ruthie, A few weeks ago, my son proposed that I come and live in a senior citizens' residence not far away from him and his family. I am now considering this.

Dear Ruthie, My wife passed away four years ago. I was devastated and for a long while very depressed. My son and his wife were always there for me.

dren were raised. I am afraid to do this, though I am tempted to live among other people my age. I am very lonely here by myself. But how can I preserve all of our family memories if I give away all of my wife's possessions and sell our home out from under myself?

Senior Anxious About Separation Netanya

Dear Anxious Senior, Family memories cannot be erased by moving to a new home. Memories are part of the internal world in which we live.

Regarding "giving away all of your wife's possessions": if you give them to your children, not only will they remain in your memory but they will become integral to the physical surroundings of your extended family.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@post.co.il

Portrait of a kibbutznik ...who's 105 years old

When the kibbutz idea was young, Moshe Kipnis was there, Dina Kraft reports



Moshe Kipnis, born in 1891, has been living on Kibbutz Deganya Alef for 76 years. (James Levine)

He looks good for his age. Small in build, a fuzz of white hair covers his partially bald head. As he talks and listens his green eyes sparkle and widen.

The tennis courts and manicured lawns which lie just beyond his room at the old-age home are a far cry from the original struggling kibbutz he first set eyes on so many decades ago.

Kipnis remembers the days of the mythologized pioneers who came to "build and be rebuilt" by the land. He recalls the Zionist guru A.D. Gordon visiting the young Jewish men working on the road crews.

Kipnis witnessed first hand the brutally intense combination of philosophical vision and exhausting agricultural work of the early pioneers while teaching Hebrew to the recent arrivals at the Hashomer Hatzair community in Bitanya in the Jordan Valley in 1920.

Kipnis is critical of their naive approach and exclusivity. "They were a special kavva," Kipnis remembers. "They didn't want to mix with the other workers. They read Freud and Otto Weininger. You can say they were snobs. They acted as if they were superior. I looked on them as children playing in politics. They were not yet ripe.

They were admirable as pioneers on a special path, on ideals of equality. "But they remained children, even when they were themselves' grandparents," he says harshly.

KIPNIS LEFT Bitanya to join Kibbutz Deganya in 1921. He credits the establishment of Deganya as the first kibbutz to the members' commitment to their land.

search of work. Deganya members settled and stayed.

Early life on Deganya was spartan and practical. Kipnis recalls the stripped-down simplicity of his wedding to his Russian sweetheart for whom he had waited nine years to be reunited with in Palestine.

"That was life," he says with a wistful finality. As for work relations between the sexes, he answers quickly that there was equality.

Kipnis, however, was one man who found himself incapable of enduring the physical strain of the back-breaking field work.

However, he was drawn in by the caliber of the people at Deganya and decided to stay on at the kibbutz. He worked for many years as the kibbutz secretary and financial manager.

As he discusses his early kibbutz days, Kipnis is visited by Benny Katznelson, a relative of Labor Zionist leader Berl Katznelson. His wife's family lives in Deganya and when visiting, he always makes sure to stop to chat with his friend.

Quickly they are engaged in an intellectual discussion of literature and early Zionist aristocratic role of

Palestine from the port of Brindisi. In Russia Kipnis had worked as a teacher and his plans were to continue his profession in Palestine, teaching Hebrew.

Kipnis's studies for a teaching certificate in Jerusalem were interrupted by World War I. The Turks expelled many Jews from Palestine, others fled. Kipnis was convinced it was important to stay.

Those men who remained soon found themselves in uniform. The Turkish Army gave the men a month to enlist.

Discussing World War I, Kipnis becomes animated. Waving his hands expressively he explains his role in the "Great War." In 1916 he was sent to Turkey where he was promptly made a captain.

THE SUN is beginning to set and the nurse at the old-age home looks at Kipnis, concerned that talking throughout the afternoon has made him weary.

He skips through the telling of his years and experiences with ease. He lurches forward in his chair and says he could go on talking forever.

Only a short time before, he had been released from the Russian army and swiftly made his plans to make aliya. As a teenager he had joined the General Zionist youth movement and decided his future was here.

He bid his good-byes to the religious home of his parents and took a train to Vienna. From there he would make his way to Italy and set sail for

While US cracks down, Europe mostly ignores smoking rules

Come to Europe to see the sights. But be prepared to have cigarette smoke obscure your view, even of the "No Smoking" signs.

At that Left Bank cafe in Paris that serves succulent escargots and fine Burgundy wine, which should, according to law, have a no-smoking area - you will have to enjoy the meal amid the musty fumes of Gauloises cigarettes.

Jaywalk in Germany, even when there is no traffic, and rules-conscious Germans are likely to holler at you.

While anti-tobacco regulations spread and grow together in the United States, much of Europe remains in the "Gray Ages."

Europeans tend to ignore restrictions on relatively minor actions, such as lighting cigarettes, because they consider them infringements on individual rights, says Franco Ferrarotti, a sociology professor at Rome University.

Italy's cabinet became so annoyed by the lack of compliance with no-smoking rules that when it banned smoking in private businesses serving the public early in 1996, it ordered government agencies to enforce existing prohibitions on smoking in government

offices and on public transportation. To few people's surprise, that supposed crackdown has had little effect.

In fact, the new law is also widely ignored, with private businesses serving the public rarely enforcing the no-smoking edict.

Despite publicity campaigns against smoking and the introduction of anti-tobacco rules, there has been only a three-point drop in the proportion of smokers over the past decade in the European Union.

And the World Health Organization warns that tobacco use in central and eastern Europe is rising.

New legislation aimed at giving non-smokers some breathing room and at getting puffiers to quit is piling up across Europe. In 1996 alone, Norway required restaurants and bars to make one-third of their areas smoke-free.

In the same year, several airlines, including Swissair and Germany's Lufthansa, prohibited smoking on most or all flights within Europe. Augsburg Airways, a German airline, began offering passengers smokeless cigarettes as part of test-marketing by their US manufacturer, R.J. Reynolds.

No-smoking bans in planes and trains are generally beaded across the continent. And in Scandinavia, most no-

smoking rules are widely respected.

Many Finnish restaurants provide no-smoking areas even without rules requiring them.

But these countries are the exceptions, in part because Europeans inhale second-hand smoke without a fuss.

"I sympathize with the right of people to smoke," said Milagros Acevedo, a non-smoker sitting at a Madrid cafe as clouds of smoke wafted past.

Many Europeans believe Americans are extremists about banning smoking. "They're going crazy over there," Ferrarotti said. "Once they tried to prohibit alcohol, which was maddening. Now they're going after tobacco."

Even some European anti-smoking activists feel things are out of hand in America. Pais Clemente, president of Portugal's Council on Smoking Abuse, complains about "the policies of other countries in which smokers are systematically persecuted and at times ostracized."

European smokers traveling to the US can find themselves in trouble even before they land. Last April, an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami was diverted to Boston after a Frenchman and his mother argued over an order for him to stop smoking. They were hauled off the plane and arrested.

The US, meanwhile, has exported its standards to the United Nations building in Geneva.

Under pressure from the US delegation, the UN increased no-smoking areas and relegated smokers at the snack bar to tables behind a strip of yellow tape. (AP)

Advertisement for 'Pennies from Heaven' featuring a large illustration of a penny and text describing a charity program for children.

Advertisement for 'TO GERSHN - Tales of People of Zjembin' by Geoff Sifrin, including a book cover image and ordering information.

Advertisement for 'EYE ON THE MEDIA' by David Bar-Illan, including a book cover image and ordering information.





ISRAELI SHARES IN NEW YORK

Table showing Israeli shares in New York including AMEX and NASDAQ indices with last and change values.

Table listing various Israeli companies with their last price and change, such as Bank Leumi, Azoulay, and others.

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MISHTANIM LEADING 100 TASE ISSUES

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TASE ROUNDUP

Indexes rebounded yesterday with the major indexes reaching records for the second time this week.

Table showing TASE Roundup with Mishtanim (259.95) and Maof (269.01) indices.

MISHTANIM

Table listing Mishtanim index components with last price and change.

MAOF

Table listing Maof index components with last price and change.

Indexes rebound

Investors appeared unphased by Central Bank Governor Jacob Frenkel's remark on Tuesday that he was worried about the January budget deficit of NIS 1.28 billion.

NEW YORK MARKET INDICES

Table showing New York Market Indices including DJ Industrials, DJ Transport, and others.

OTHER STOCK MARKET INDICES

Table listing other stock market indices like FTSE 100, Nikkei 225, etc.

DOLLAR CROSS-RATES

Table showing Dollar Cross-Rates for various currencies.

WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks skidded yesterday due to aggressive selling in technology shares, which had led the market's recent strength.

WHERE TO GO

Notices in this feature are charged at NIS 28.08 per line, including VAT.

JERUSALEM

Conferences and tours: Mount Scopus campus, in English, daily Sun-Thur, 11 a.m.

TEL AVIV SHARES DATA SUPPLIED BY PACIFIC

Mediteranean Investments, Tel. 09-958-5673. All other data supplied by Commstock Trading Ltd.

EURO BOURSES CLOSE AT NEW PEAKS

European bourses shot to new closing records yesterday as investors became convinced that interest rates in the influential US economy would remain on hold.

COMMITTEE ON INTEREST RATES

The Federal Open Market committee later announced no change in rates.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CALL A GENERAL ELECTION BY LATE MAY

In Frankfurt, floor trading closed at a new peak of 3098.0 on the DAX index.

US COMMODITIES

Table listing US Commodities prices for various goods.

LONDON COMMODITIES

Table listing London Commodities prices for various goods.

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

Table listing Spot Market Metals prices for various metals.

LONDON METAL FIXES

Table listing London Metal Fixes prices for various metals.

DATA COMMUNICATIONS VIA ABA

Foreign financial data courtesy of Commstock Trading Ltd. Futures, Options, Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds.

PARIS

Table listing Paris market indicators and share prices.

LONDON

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FRANKFURT

Table listing Frankfurt market indicators and share prices.

AMSTERDAM

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

Table listing various stock market indices.

COMMODITIES

Table listing various commodities prices.

METALS

Table listing various metals prices.

INVESTMENTS

Investment services and information provided.



Due to the tragedy on Tuesday night, all listings on this page are subject to change.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Jens McManama leads a special concert with members of Jerusalem's Caprisma Ensemble and members of the Ensemble Intercontemporain from Paris...



Benny Slinchin plays the trombone in free concerts tonight and tomorrow.

psychologist who chucks it all in and moves out to a farm in the Rockies where he works with toughened street children and teaches them how to work together and appreciate life.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

Dancer/choreographer Rina Schenfeld's work plucks at the strings of the past while staying always in the present. The eight-member company will premiere two new works which look at womanhood...

TELEVISION

Tonight's episode of Neon Rider shows at 10:35 on ITV 3 (33). The central figure is a successful

TV

CHANNEL 1

- 6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

- 8:00 Family Ties
8:30 Medicine Demystified
9:00 Arithmetic
9:25 Reading

MIDDLE EAST TV (unconfirmed)

- 7:00 TV Shop
14:30 The 700 Club
15:00 Soccer
15:30 Feature film

CHANNEL 1

- 15:30 Motormica from Mars
15:50 Booby
16:00 Friends of Shosh

CHANNEL 2

- 6:15 Today's Programs
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ETV 2 (23)

- 15:30 All Together Now
16:00 Tales of Life
17:00 Rights and Wrongs

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PRIME TIME TV

Table with 8 columns (1-8) and 4 rows (19:30-23:00) listing TV programs like News flash, News, Perla Negra, etc.

21:15 Lois and Clark
22:00 NBC Super Sports
22:30 Gillette World Sport Special

22:00 Life is Sweet (1991) - witty and snappy sequel to the classic Father of the Bride.

22:00 Open University - Astronomers: Planet Communication: Earth Revealed

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RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

8:06 Morning Concert
9:05 F. Couperin: L'Espagnole from Les Nations; Hummel: Sappho in D minor op. 74 (Mozart); Campar: Idenore lyric tragedy in 5 acts, excerpts (Las Aris); Brahms: Saverade no 1 in D op 11

STAR PLUS

6:00 Master Chets of Florida
8:30 E! TV
7:00 Kate and Allie
8:30 Oprah Winfrey
8:30 21 Jump Street
9:30 Santa Barbara

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University - Astronomers: Planet Communication: Earth Revealed

CHANNEL 5

8:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
18:30 NBA Game - Houston vs. New York (pt)

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Great Houses
6:30 New talk show
7:15 The Ticket
7:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw

BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:05 The Giant Awakes (pt)
10:05 Naked City (pt)

EUROSPORT

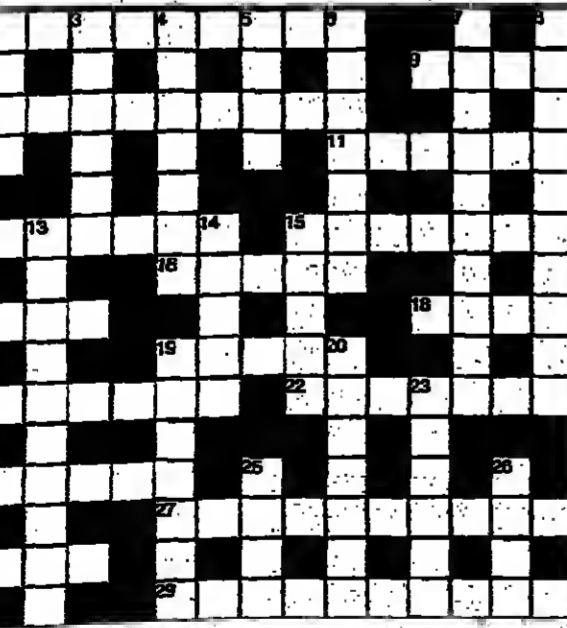
9:30 Motors (pt)
10:00 Alpine Skiing: World Championship, Italy (pt)

MOVIES

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE Spliffro Grill 5 \*
Caramone 7:15, 9:30
ATZMON Daylight/Transpotting 4:30, 7, 9:15

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 American beggar-a kitchenworker? (10)
9 Female soldiers after company (4)
10 A rousing outdoor performance! (4,6)
11 Bill comes back with a new coil of fabric (6)
12 Cheeky, but attractive, features (7)
15 Unusually angered and upset (7)
17 Sounds like a man of letters (4)
18 Sounds a good player-give up! (4)
19 Diana's replaced by another woman (5)
21 Spendthrift Walter's reformed (7)



SOLUTIONS

ACROSS
1 American beggar-a kitchenworker? (10)
9 Female soldiers after company (4)
10 A rousing outdoor performance! (4,6)

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
7 Dog star (6)
8 Russian plain (6)
10 Agony (7)
11 Money-bag (5)
12 Solitary (4)
13 Tuxedo (5)
17 Larceny (5)
18 Mislay (4)
22 Portion (5)
23 Baggage (7)
24 Tell (6)
25 Cherry-colour (6)

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